

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

The first semi-final of the Second Division played last Saturday did nothing to clarify a position as it resulted in a drawn game so that now a replay is necessary.

However on Saturday at Adamstown Oval the second semi-final will be staged when the premiership winner Weston, meets Belmont-Swansea and this could develop into a really close match although on paper Weston would appear the logical winner but semi-finals do not always work out as expected and this argument is strengthened by the fact that in the premiership, Weston having the ground advantage could only defeat Belmont-Swansea by the odd goal in five.

Belmont-Swansea coach Neil Henderson has played both with and against some of the older players of the Weston team and no doubt he will have been schooling his players on tactics to counter the skill and guile of these opponents.

The early fixture will be

the Reserve Grade semi-final between Belmont-Swansea and Charlestown.

It would appear that not only the premiership but also the semi-finals in the Third Division will be decided upon goal averages for the results of matches last weekend did little if anything to determine the positions on the premiership table.

Nelson Bay has a rough outside possibility of making the semis but to do this they must win the next two games and South Wallsend and Macquarie Wanderers will have to be defeated.

Two defeats to Toronto Diggers could put them out of the semi-finals and they meet two teams who are vying for the semi-finals.

This weekend we see some very important matches and these comprise four out of the five pros-will be opposed.

Toronto Diggers will be opposed to the Bellbird team and there will be nothing spared by either team in an endeavour to secure

the two points which will be vitally concerned in the position of a team on the premiership table. In their first round fixture Bellbird were successful 3-1 but they will find the Toronto ground a different proposition to their own at Bellbird.

Macquarie Wanderers will be clashing with Hamilton Azzuri and after a 1-all draw in the first round, one can expect another hard fought match. Hamilton Azzuri not only require a win to really keep on the top of premiership table, but also a substantial margin of goal as this is their last opportunity to improve their goal average as Hamilton Azzuri received a bye in the fixtures for the final round.

Nelson Bay plays Stockton at Stockson and Nelson Bay should record a win.

The Entrance will entertain Newcastle Tech. and providing there are no shortages of players, it should prove a really close match with Newcastle

Tech. winning by a narrow margin.

Teachers' College plays South Wallsend at Tighes Hill and this should result in a win to South Wallsend

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF THE NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Our behalf of our club, let's say thanks for a job well done by you and your staff during our season 1964, in the production of the "Northern Soccer News", and we hope that it will be bigger and better in 1965.

The President, officers and members of our Club wish to thank all Clubs and members of the Northern League for a wonderful season. We also wish to thank

our supporters, for the support given during 1964 and hope that they will continue to support us in 1965.

We are sorry that we were not good enough to make the final, but hope to do so in 1965.

P. GARGAS, Pres.,
Newcastle Austral S.F.C.

Two Stood Down For One Match

R. McKenzie, of Newcastle Austral, and Col Gleeson, of Wallsend, who were sent off the field by Mr. R. Roth, the referee, for "violent conduct" during the first half of the Wallsend v. Newcastle Austral semi-final at the Crystal Palace last Sunday week, have each been stood down for one match by the Northern Soccer League Protests and Disputes' Committee.

Northern Soccer League

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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Referee: W. Jones. L'men.: R. Roth, F. Myles.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE FINAL, 1 p.m.—

Adamstown v. Cardiff

Referee: G. Muir. L'men.: T. Ayre, W. Gardiner.



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President's Message . . .

To Officials, Players and Spectators.—

This weekend will see the curtain drawn closing the 1964 1st and 2nd Divisions Premiership Competition.

I feel Soccer enthusiasts join with the Northern League in offering our warmest congratulations to the Premiership winners Lake Macquarie in the 1st Division and Weston in the 2nd Division.

Lake Macquarie had a unique and phenomenal season. One cannot praise too highly their splendid performance for a team so young almost entirely developed from the Junior ranks. Their coach Mr. Tom Dawson has done a wonderful job, proving conclusively that our young players given the right opportunity can rise to great heights in the development of our Code.

It is most pleasing and gratifying to see Weston so successful. As a Club Weston has a tremendous tradition in the code over the last 40 years. I feel sure with this most encouraging start, a new era of Soccer in this district will be witnessed. Our congratulations to all who made this excellent comeback in our code so successful.

To the semi-finalists in both divisions our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Each of the semi-finals were real thrillers and enjoyed by the thousands who witnessed such stirring struggles.

Of our finalists in all grades I am confident they will wet the appetites of all Soccer followers with sterling and exciting games producing a standard of football marking a fitting cul-

mination to a record Premiership season.

Of our finalists, Awaba a team of only eight years in 1st Division have an outstanding record, having figured prominently each year in semi-finals and finals. This Club has made a valuable contribution to the development of Soccer in the South-west side of the Lake. Thanks officials and players for a job well done.

Wallsend, the worthy opponents of Awaba, hold a challenging record of Soccer in our area. Space will not permit to indicate just what has been accomplished by this Club.

Our congratulations to officials and players and we know the players will produce football worthy of their highest tradition. In the highest tradition, in the annals of our code in our area.

To the finalists in the Reserve Grade, Adamstown and Cardiff, may the run of play be evenly distributed resulting in a spectacular and thrilling final.

In the Second Division, Weston, premiership winners, will meet the first year of the newly promoted Club Dudley-Redhead. A tremendous struggle for supremacy should be witnessed.

To officials and players of other Clubs, we thank you for your loyal support, keen competition make the breaks of luck be your way in the Craven A £500 Knockout and in 1965.

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President,

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OUR EARLY CONFIDENCE AS TO SEASON'S OUTCOME JUSTIFIED

By PAUL MACKENZIE

In the season's first issue of "Northern Soccer News" we said, in looking at the season's prospects, that "this is the season to make or break Soccer in the North", and suggested there was no fear as to the outcome.

The confidence was justified for there is no doubting that Soccer is on the way up. The time is not far distant when it will be the No. 1 football code in the North — although it is that now, since more people play it than do the other codes put together.

We also suggested that the "great need is for a rise in the playing standard". There can be no denial that there has been an improvement in the standard. More cultured football than ever before was played during the season. There have been greater efforts to play the game as it should be played, without undue strain or stress, and an appreciation of the arts and skills of the game.

This is an advance that will continue, because a new generation, its feet firmly placed on the path of progress because of the benefits of proper coaching, is ready to take over.

Clubs are becoming increasingly aware that the need is for youth and so players who have done fairly well for too long are nearing an end, for they must give way to the youngster with potential.

It will, before too long, be the North's youthful talent — and it is talent with remarkably rich potential — which will take over. The sooner the better.

What did the season give us?

One thing was a big share of good football. Agreed, there was some poor play but it merely relieved the abundance of exciting and worthwhile matches, the poorer games giving reason to appreciate the better matches the more.

The premiership was continually exciting, with most of its secrets held till the last series of matches.

There was the impressive efforts of the youthful, well coached and determined Lake Macquarie side which won the premiership — and thoroughly deserved to, since it was a grand team of which much more will be heard.

There was the rise of Newcastle Austral, which came from early-season obscurity to finish second on the points score table and which provided some of the best football of the year.

There was Awaba's fine second round effort in which it did not lose a match, a run which took it into third place — and now a spot in the final.

There was the tussle between Wallsend and Adamstown for fourth place in the premiership and Wallsend's exciting 6-5 win against Newcastle Austral in the semi-final a fortnight ago.

There was the fight — at one stage among five teams — to avoid relegation, with Cessnock coming to light almost at the last moment with unexpected wins against Adamstown and Mayfield United which saved its bacon.

There was the disappointment at the fall of Maitland, a battling club which, although its team played good football, always seemed to miss the goals — and the points — that mattered most. Now it must go into the Second Division, but it will assuredly rise again.

There was the great, and successful, bid by Weston to win the Second Division and, with it, promotion to

the First Division. Weston will be welcomed back to the fold from which it has been absent for too long. Rumour has it that Weston will field a very strong side next season, its object being to continue its run of success and win successive titles.

We had the visit of Everton and the satisfaction of seeing a Northern team hold it in the first half — something which few teams in Australia could do.

The premiership season ends on a high note today with the final between Wallsend and Awaba, but it is not the end of Soccer for the year, by any means.

The North's under 19 squad is being prepared for the national championships in Adelaide shortly. It is likely that the team will be very prominent in this most important tournament.

Then the North is to have visits from three interstate sides. For this invasion, a squad has already been selected to prepare to do battle to uphold the North's prestige.

Tasmania's side will be in Newcastle on September 27 and one from South Aus-

tralia on October 5. Then, on the evening of October 9, the N.S.W. Federation will send its team North, so that once more the North will be playing the South.

Last, but by no means least, we have witnessed the great enterprise of the Adamstown Club in sending two of its youngest players, Ray Baartz and Doug Johns, off to England to train and receive coaching from the famous Manchester United, this being the first step in the football scholarships. Adamstown Club will award each year — a commendable progressive move if ever there was one.

Yes, we think results prove that this was the season which made Soccer in the North, and that events fully justified our pre-season claim that there need be no fear as to its outcome.

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SECOND DIV. RES. GRADE FINAL, 1.15 p.m.

Weston v. Charlestown

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3. R. Mort
4. G. Freeman
5. G. Knott
6. N. Clifton
7. B. Oliver
8. R. Manderson
9. D. Falk
10. R. Hindmarsh
11. C. Rae

TEAM
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SELECTED

Referee: H. Hall. L'men.: D. Thompson, J. Carlin.

SECOND DIVISION FINAL, 3 p.m.—

Weston v. Dudley-Red.

Black and White

1. W. Mahoney
2. C. Allison
3. T. Harper
4. B. Davies
5. E. Kemp
6. R. Morris
7. J. Sneddon
8. N. Jackson
9. J. Drinkwater
10. M. Hamilton
11. G. Heaney

Black and White

1. N. Lennox
- E. McKernan
2. J. Jarvie
3. D. Iles
4. J. Hopkins
- W. Russell
5. W. Screen
6. K. Jarvie
7. G. Roach
8. R. Hope
9. P. Nix
10. P. Atkinson
11. G. Jones

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SUNDAY AT SPEERS POINT

FIRST DIVISION FINAL, 3 p.m.—

Awaba v. Wallsend

Gold and Blue

1. J. Smith
2. R. Hitchcock
3. J. Dolan
4. R. Reynolds
5. J. Pretswell
6. L. Sharp
7. G. Pinches
8. D. Field
9. R. Burgoyne
10. H. Goodsir
11. B. Sharp

Red and White

1. J. Burrige
2. D. Morrow
3. K. Nolan
4. W. Davies
5. D. Bullen
6. G. Green
7. D. McKenzie
8. R. Giles
9. B. Morrow
10. K. Whitmore
11. N. Pringle

Referee: W. Jones. L'men.: R. Roth, F. Myles.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE FINAL, 1 p.m.—

Adamstown v. Cardiff

White with Red & Green

1. B. Hallam
2. N. Maddison
3. T. Oakey
4. W. Wagstaff
5. J. Easton
6. A. Phillips
7. A. Sturgeon
8. B. Tapp
9. C. Manuel
10. B. Clarke
11. R. Richards

Tangarine and White

1. P. Northey
2. J. Moore
3. G. Atherton
4. H. Faith
5. B. Moss
6. C. Moore
7. J. Bray
8. W. Walstead
9. U. Jenison
10. C. Myers
11. R. Hobson

Referee: G. Muir. L'men.: T. Ayre, W. Gardiner.

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OVERSEAS RESULTS

WEST GERMANY. —

League championship: Hertha B.S.C. 0, Hamburger S.V. 0; V.F.B. Stuttgart 3, F.C. Nuremberg 1; Borussia Neunkirchen 1, Borussia Dortmund 2; Hanover 96, 2, F.C. Cologne 0; F.C. Schalke 1, Karlsruher S.C. 1; T.S.V. Munich 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Werder Bremen 5, Eintracht Brunswick 1; Weidenricher S.V. 3, F.C. Kaiserslautern 1.

BAND RECITAL BEFORE MATCH

The Alliance League final will begin at 1 o'clock and there will be a display by the Royal Australian Navy Band for about 20 minutes before the main match begins.

AND SO . . .

FAREWELL UNTIL NEXT SEASON

This is the 21st edition of "Northern Soccer News" in the current series and the last for the season.

In the first edition — as long ago as April 18 — we said that: "The staff of Northern Soccer News" aims to provide the North's growing army of enthusiasts with an up-to-the-minute cover of Soccer as it happens."

That we have tried to do — and claim to have been successful too.

We also said: "We will combine with the game's officials in working towards one end — the welfare and the growth of Soccer". We have done that, too.

No doubt you, gentle reader, have criticised "Northern Soccer News". That is most certainly your privilege but, whisper it gently, so too have we — week by week, for we have never been satisfied in our efforts to give you a better paper.

But improvement must necessarily be slow and dependent to a great extent on the generosity of those who have something to advertise. Our advertisers have been remarkably loyal, although there is, of course, the fact

that their message was reaching a big field so, in that regard, we are satisfied that we gave value. We thank our advertisers for their support and trust that our relationship next season will be equally cordial to that of this year.

Then there are the club officials who kept us supplied with teams for publication. Thanks to them too.

We have heard some rubbishing remarks about our efforts. On those we turn our backs for, invariably,

the criticism has been unfair and from those who know nothing of the problems of producing any kind of publication. To those who offered helpful advice and constructive criticism — thanks a lot.

Plans for next year, based on the errors of this, should make "Northern Soccer News" a bigger and brighter paper. But we shall see.

And so, farewell — till next season. Thanks a lot! —The "Northern Soccer News Staff"

LAST ROUND IN THIRD DIVISION PREMIERSHIP

The final series in the Northern Soccer League Third Division premiership will be played this weekend, with Hamilton Azzuri, assured of top place, although it has the bye in the round.

Hamilton Azzuri leads by two points and, since the team with a bye receives two points, it must maintain that lead.

Bellbird, which meets The Entrance — and with ground advantage — is in second place and a point in front of Toronto Diggers, which

meets Macquarie Wanderers, which it leads by four points.

However, results of the matches will not change the semi-final four, since South Wallsend, now fourth, is three in front of Macquarie Wanderers and Nelson Bay.

The semi-final four will be Hamilton Azzuri, Bellbird, Toronto Diggers and South Wallsend.

The points score table for the division is:—

AMPOL £500 CUP DRAW

No sooner will the premiership be ended than the Ampol £500 Cup Competition will begin.

The first matches will be played next weekend, there be four matches set down. The draw is—

SEPTEMBER 12.—Cardiff v. Maitland (match A); West Wallsend v. Cessnock (match B).

SEPTEMBER 13.—Mayfield United v. Weston (match C); Adamstown v. Pan-Hellenic (match D).

SEPTEMBER 19.—Winner match A v. Wallsend; winner match B v. Awaba (match F).

SEPTEMBER 20.—Winner match C v. Newcastle Austral (match G); winner match D v. Lake Macquarie (match H).

SEPTEMBER 27 or OCTOBER 4.—Winner match F v. winner match H (match I); winner match E v. winner match G (match J).

OCTOBER 4 or 11.—Loser match I v. loser match J; winner match H v. winner match I v. winner match J.

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THIRD DIVISION POINT SCORE

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HAM. AZZURI	21	16	3	2	71	24	35
BELLBIRD	21	15	3	3	77	28	33
TORONTO DIGS.	21	15	2	4	60	29	32
STH. WALLSEND	21	14	3	4	66	37	31
MACQ. WANDS.	21	12	4	5	83	32	28
NELSON BAY	21	12	4	5	70	34	28
BARNSELY	21	9	3	9	60	50	21
N'CLE. TECH.	21	7	2	12	33	65	16
THE ENTRANCE	21	5	1	15	29	95	11
TEACHERS' COLL.	21	4	1	16	30	99	9
STOCKTON	21	4	0	17	27	113	8
TOTALS	231	113	26	92	606	606	252

There have been 21 byes during the competition, with each team receiving the bye gaining two points. This accounts for the difference in maths won and lost

Last Week's Results

SEMI-FINALS

FIRST DIVISION.—At Speers Point: Awaba 4 (D. Field 3, B. Sharp), Lake Macquarie 3 (J. Doyle 2, T. Hinchcliffe).

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—At Speers Point: Adamstown 2 (C. Manuel, A. Phillips), Awaba 0.

SECOND DIVISION.—At Adamstown: Weston 3 (G. Heaney 2, J. Drinkwater), Belmont-Swansea 1 (B. Drinkwater).

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grade, at Adamstown: Charlestown 1 (J. Bower), Belmont-Swansea 0.

PREMIERSHIPS

THIRD DIVISION.—Toronto Diggers 3, Bellbird 0; Macquarie Wanderers 3, Hamilton Azzuri 5; The Entrance 0, Newcastle Technical College 2; Nelson Bay 5, Stockton 0; Newcastle Teachers' College 0, South Wallsend 6.

EVERTON ON TOP IN U.K. FIRST DIVISION

Everton, Chelsea and Leeds United are the only three teams in the English Football League First Division championship with "clean" record after only three series of matches have been played.

The teams have won their three matches with Everton — seven goals for and one against — being on top, by virtue of its better average, for Chelsea has scored eight goals and conceded two and Leeds United has scored nine times but has had five goals scored against it.

Blackpool, Tommy Garrett's old team, is fourth, a point behind the three top sides for two wins and a draw.

West Bromwich Albion, one win and two draws, is next.

The five teams are the only sides in the 22 to be unbeaten.

At the other end of the table are Wolverhampton Wanderers and Aston Villa, the only teams not yet to have scored a point.

COVENTRY BEST

Coventry City is the only Second Division side to win its three matches but Middlesbrough, Rotherham United and Charlton Athletic, each with two wins and a draw, are also undefeated.

Crystal Palace is at the bottom of the Second Division points score table and has yet to win a match.

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two wins and a draw, are at the top of the Third Division table they being, in order of average—Queen's Park Rangers, Bristol Rovers, Gillingham, Grimsby Town and Workington. Walsall is at the bottom, not yet having scored a point.

Southport, Tranmere Rovers and Bradford are the three top sides — in that order — in the Fourth Division, with Crewe, Alexandra, Notts County, Chesterfield and Stockport County at the other end of the list, each with one draw and two losses.

Everton is making a bid to repeat its success of the 1962-63 season and has conceded only one goal in its three matches, that being the one Tottenham Hotspur, the 1960-61 championship winner scored last Saturday.

Everton's £100,000 centre-forward, Fred Pickering, who was transferred from Blackburn Rovers last season, scored a hat-trick for Everton against Spurs, Alex Young notching the other goal in the side's 4-1 win.

There were wild scenes in the Scottish League Cup match between Hamilton Academicals and Glasgow Celtic last Saturday, with Celtic going down 2-1.

Two Celtic players, Bobbie Murdoch and Bill McNeill, were so badly injured in a melee in the second half that both were taken to hospital. The fans got out of hand when Murdoch was carried up and showered the playing pitch with beer cans.

The quarter-final draw in the Scottish League Cup is — Morton Rangers v. Clyde; Forfar v. East Fife v. Celtic; Dunfermline Athletic v. Glasgow Rangers; Dundee United v. Hamilton Academicals.

News from Gunnedah

GUNNEDAH NEWS

The Newcastle Association All Age premiers, Raymond Terrace paid a visit to the North West.

They were not unduly troubled to draw 5-5 with Tamworth but found a slow, weakened Gunnedah side a bit too solid.

Gunnedah won 5-0 in what was generally a poor display. Fortunately Bert Urednabregt, Trevor Hari, Bill Adams, Bert Adams, and Dick Bailey were on their game. Les Burgett drove back from holidays at Lismore and played accordingly. Our regular outside left, inside left, and right fullback were either in High School Cadet camp or on holidays but their places were filled by some of our many reserves, who put up a creditable performance. The Raymond Terrace boys are a good sporting team who play the game as it should be played, and we are very pleased to have them here.

Ajax won the all-age grand final. This is the fourth successive year that they have done it. It is a known fact that some of them were home in bed before midnight on Saturday night after they had celebrated just a little.

Ajax under 16 defeated

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RON GILES LIKELY TO STAY ON TOP OF GOAL-SCORING LIST

Ron Giles, of Wallsend, remains on top of the season's goal-scoring list—and looks like staying there, for he has a lead of three goals from Bob Burgoyne, of Awaba, with the final between the teams coming up this weekend.

With all matches taken into consideration—premiership, Ampol Cup and Daniels Cup — and including semi-finals and finals, Giles leads Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral, by one goal, Twidle's 21 goals in the premiership being the best for that competition. Giles has scored 18 times in the premiership, including the semi-final a fortnight ago against Newcastle Austral, three in the Ampol Cup and four in the Daniels Cup.

Doug Field, of Awaba, is next to Twidle on the list of premiership goal-scors, but he did not score in either of the cups competitions.

Dulio Schio, of Cardiff, is level in third place with Burgoyne.

The totals for the leading scorers with the heading 'L', representing the League premiership matches, 'A' the Ampol Cup and 'D' the Daniels Cup, are:—

	L.	A.	D.	Total
R. Giles (Wallsend)	18	3	4	25
K. Twidle (Austral)	21	0	3	24
R. Burgoyne (Awaba)	15	5	2	22
D. Schio (Cardiff)	14	3	5	22
K. Whitmore (Wallsend)	16	4	0	20
D. Field (Awaba)	19	0	0	19
B. Morrow (Wallsend)	12	1	4	17
T. Hinchcliffe (Lake Macq.)	12	2	2	16
G. Pinches (Awaba)	10	5	1	16

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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

Adamstown Oval on Saturday will be the venue for the Second Division finals commencing at 1.15 p.m. with the reserve grade final between Charlestown and Weston and this should result in a win for Weston.

The Second Division final for 1964 will be contested by Dudley-Redhead to whom much credit is due for in this season they have risen from Third Division to enter the final of the Second Division, and Weston, another team who narrowly missed relegation last year and have built to such an extent that not only are they contesting the final but were the winners of the premiership suffering only one defeat in eighteen matches.

Weston team contains four or five of the older players who formerly played First Division football and it could be the greater experience of these players will prove too big a hurdle for Dudley-Redhead to overcome.

This weekend will see the final round of the Third Division premiership being played and I take this opportunity of extending congratulations to the Hamilton Azzuri team in winning the Third Division premiership for with a two point lead on their nearest rival and a bye this weekend they cannot be defeated.

There have been some good effort as they were a newcomer to the Northern Soccer League this year and with sound organisation during the off season could be a force to be contended with in Second Division in 1965. Congratulations Hamilton Azzurri.

There has been some changes in matches this weekend, the first being on Saturday when Newcastle Tech. will meet Nelson Bay at Mayfield Park and provided they can handle the uphill running it should result in a win for Nelson Bay.

On Sunday possibly the most outstanding fixture would be the Macquarie Wanderers v. Toronto Dig-

gers clash and this match will commence at 1 p.m. to allow those players of Toronto Diggers who so desire to stroll down to Speers Pt. to lend moral and vocal support to Awaba in their bid for the First Division final.

Stockton will be home to Teachers' College and this should develop into a really close game as only one point separates the two teams and as matters stand at present the bottom team on the premiership table drops out in 1965. Teachers' College should win this match but they'll certainly earn the win.

The Entrance journeys to Bellbird and the home team should have no difficulty in gaining another two points. The defeat suffered by Bellbird last weekend could have lost them the premiership — so near and yet so far, Bellbird.

The remaining fixture Sth. Wallsend v. Barnsley will be played at Crystal Palace Wallsend and this match will also commence at 1 p.m. to allow the player to

complete their match and then travel to Speers Point to watch the First Division final.

This will be the final issue for "Northern Soccer New" for 1964 so I will take this opportunity of thanking the followers of soccer for bearing with me and trust that what I have written, you have found interesting and informative.

Thank you an enjoy yourself until we are back again next year.

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